



# ADAPTIVE SEATING SOLUTIONS

## OVERVIEW: REVOLUTIONIZING THE SEATING PARADIGM

The principles behind adaptive seating are rooted in observational research conducted by KI. These principles defy the design status quo by focusing on a design language that embraces how students and workers engage with seating products. Our challenge was to design seating solutions that adapt to the user and support numerous postures—versus a prescriptive “user adapts to the seating” single posture solution. KI’s observational research yielded a number of key findings, with the most important being: Sitting isn’t a static activity; people continually move and adjust. And while this may seem self-evident, competitive products do not accommodate the natural tendencies of humans to move. KI seized this opportunity to develop design standards that recognized a broader range of positions.



## BENEFITS TO END-USERS AND FACILITIES

- **Adaptive Seating improves learning outcomes**  
Studies show that movement enhances learning outcomes through greater attention, comprehension and retention.
- **Adaptive Seating places a premium on comfort through numerous seating postures**  
Comfortable seating reduces physical and emotional stress, offering users a greater sense of overall well-being.
- **Adaptive Seating is a powerful recruitment and retention tool**  
The best furniture solutions reflect the lifestyles and behaviors of its users. Consider adaptive seating a competitive advantage in the “talent wars” for attracting and retaining the “best and brightest” in higher education and corporations.
- **Adaptive Seating promotes greater space utilization**  
Users gravitate to products that adapt to their style. Spaces that are furnished with adaptive seating will be utilized more often than ones with prescriptive seating.

## KI'S ADAPTIVE SEATING PORTFOLIO

We recognize that design is constantly changing and evolving and that innovation is incremental...but always moving forward. This incremental innovation can be seen across our Adaptive Seating portfolio.

- Sela (2009)
- MyWay (2013)
- Sway (2015)
- Ruckus (2017)

